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WHAT IS
THIS
SUDDEN
BOOST
IN
MORALE
...?!



PREPARE
TO LOSE
YOUR HEAD
IF YOU
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THE
SLAVES!

THESE
AREN'T
MERE
SLAVES!!
IT'S AS IF
THEY'RE ALL
VETERAN
SOLDIERS!



THEY
STILL
ADVANCE
EVEN
THOUGH
THEY'RE
SEVERELY
WOUNDED

AGAAAH!



THEIR
HEADS
AREN'T
EVEN
WORTH
TAKING AS
SPOILS
OF WAR!



RIGHT
?



HOW
PATHETIC
TO BE
BEATEN
LIKE THIS
BY MERE
SLAVES!!

AHAHA!
TAKE
THAT!!



I...IS
EVERY-
THING
ALL
RIGHT?



IM...IM-
POSS-
IBLE...

WERE
SLAVES
STANDING
UP TO
CAVALRY...



WHAT IS
YOUR
NAME?!
THAT WAS
A TRULY
SPLENDID
FIGHT!!

HM?

ONE
OF THE
SLAVES IS
COMING
THIS WAY.

I STARED
AT IT
CALMLY.



YES...
THAT IS
A HAWK.

I STARED UP
AT THE SKY.



AS IF
IT NEVER
ENTERED MY
MIND THAT
I WAS
CHAINED...



RATTLE



I WOULD
GIVE UP
MY FOOT
A THOU-
SAND
TIMES
OVER.

FOR
HIM...















THE 300
UNDER-
LINGS
NEVER
CAME.



THE HAWK
WAS JUST
WAITING FOR
THE FLOCK TO
TAKE FLIGHT
TO CAPTURE
HIS PREY.

IT MAKES
SENSE IF
YOU THINK
ABOUT IT



THERE WAS
NO WAY IN
A MILLION
YEARS THAT
WE WERE
GOING TO
SURVIVE...

WHY
WERE WE
DECEIVED
INTO BEING
INSPIRED
TO FIGHT?





**SAVED
US.**

**THAT
LITTLE
LIE...**



**HE
WANTS
HIS NAME
TO LIVE
ON AS A
SOLDIER**

**EVEN
IF A
SLAVE
DIE**

...



**I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE MY
LIFE AS A
SLAVE.**



*UP HIGH...
INTO THE
BLUE SKY...*



Free from everything!